

working with President Obama to take America in a new direction. We are working to turn our economy around and create good jobs, to make common-sense reforms to how Wall Street does business, to make quality health insurance affordable to every American, and to launch a clean-energy jobs revolution that makes America more secure. These efforts are being tackled with fiscal discipline and accountability.

You just heard about the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; and then there is the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act, stimulating growth and creating jobs with up to 20 additional weeks of unemployment benefits. And then there is the Job Creation Through Entrepreneurship Act to give established small businesses and entrepreneurial start-ups the needed tools and resources to thrive, create jobs, and drive economic growth.

GITMO DETAINEES COMING TO THE HEARTLAND

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, this morning, we read reports that the administration will announce that a prison in Illinois will be home to over 70 al Qaeda core detainees. After spending \$275 million on a state-of-the-art facility in Cuba, we will walk away from that investment.

The new plan poses an unnecessary risk on the American people. Administration briefings revealed that we are not ending Gitmo, just moving it to the heartland.

Members of Congress posed over one dozen questions on this plan 1 month ago—with no answer. Here is one of the key unanswered issues: In his archives speech, the President announced that approximately 75 of the detainees are “too dangerous for trial or release.” They are to be held indefinitely without civil or military trial.

It is illegal under our Constitution for the executive to hold a person inside the United States indefinitely without trial. Question: How will the President suspend our Constitution’s writ of habeas corpus once he brings these 75 detainees to the heartland? Courts will force him to answer, and the American people should know right now.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT DEMOCRATIC SOLUTIONS

(Mr. YARMUTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, many in the media and some of our Republican colleagues are trying to raise the specter of 1994 when we are talking about health care reform saying, oh, the Democrats are going to lose control of the House if they pass health

care reform just like they lost the House after trying to get HillaryCare through.

Well, there are a few differences between 1994 and 2009. For one, in 1994, 11,000 people weren’t losing their health insurance every day, premiums had not nearly tripled in the prior 10 years, we weren’t 7 years away from facing bankruptcy in Medicare, more than 700,000 people were not going bankrupt every year because of health care costs, and, finally, nearly 40,000 people every year weren’t dying because of a lack of health care coverage.

You know, the people in America have seen what the Republican response for health care is. They saw one move in 12 years of their control, and that was to pass an unfunded prescription drug plan that the Social Security trustees now say may raise the deficit by \$1.2 trillion over the next 10 years.

We’ve seen the Republican solutions. The American people want the Democratic solutions.

MR. PRESIDENT, RECONSIDER GUANTANAMO BAY

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I was here at the Capitol on September 11. I watched the smoke rise from the Pentagon. I walked in the ashes of Ground Zero 1 week later. Terrorism is not theoretical to me. That’s why, like most Americans, I was astonished to read this morning press reports that the Obama administration is about to transfer over 70 known dangerous terrorists from the military detention facility at Guantanamo Bay outside the United States to a prison inside the United States, in the heartland of America, in the State of Illinois.

By moving known terrorists to American soil, the Obama administration is putting international public relations ahead of public safety. How does closing Guantanamo Bay make us safer? How does moving over 70 known terrorists to a facility in my beloved heartland of this country make our families safer? And how does it even make sense?

Mr. President, rescind this order. Reconsider your decision. Put the safety and security of the American people ahead of international public opinion.

SUPPORT GLOBAL CLIMATE AGREEMENT IN COPENHAGEN

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, the scientific consensus about whether humans are causing global warming is clear. Reports from the United Nations IPCC underscore the need for all countries to take action to reduce global warming pollution.

As I speak, world leaders are meeting in Copenhagen to negotiate a new global climate treaty. This is a tremendous opportunity for the United States to lead the world in coalescing around a fair, ambitious, and binding climate agreement.

We must confront the causes of global warming and manage the impacts of climate change, such as rising sea levels, and help developing countries benefit from clean energy technologies.

Mr. Speaker, the United States has a lot to gain in Copenhagen. Currently, European countries generate more of their electricity than we do from clean alternative sources, while China is on track to become the world’s leading maker of wind turbines by the end of this year.

The United States can lead the world in growing a clean energy economy. We can create new American jobs and strengthen our national security while we protect our planet. We can, and we must, be the global clean energy leader again.

Let’s all support a fair, ambitious, and binding climate agreement in Copenhagen.

DEMOCRATS AT WORK PUTTING AMERICA BACK TOGETHER

(Ms. SHEA-PORTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Mr. Speaker, the 111th Congress and the President have pulled the economy back from the brink. After 8 years of the previous administration’s lax oversight of Wall Street, tax cuts for the very rich, and dishonest budgets that hid the true costs, this Congress and President Obama are busy reversing the damage.

The House passed a Wall Street reform bill that will protect consumers and ensure that taxpayers are never again on the hook to bail out big Wall Street banks. We also passed Cash for Clunkers, which helped to jump-start the U.S. auto industry and get new, cleaner cars on the road. And the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has invested in Main Street America, creating jobs and building infrastructure projects. These projects will serve their communities for decades to come.

When the President took office in January, the economy was shedding over 700,000 jobs a month. Last month, there were 11,000 job losses. Every job loss is a tragedy, though; and that is why we have been working to create jobs while we also extended unemployment benefits to those still seeking work.

We are still turning America around, but in just 1 year we have come a long way.

END THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN NOW

(Mr. GRAYSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1